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President: Ms. Al-Khalifa ..... (Bahrain)

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 103 (*continued*)

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

The President: As members will recall, when the 34th plenary meeting was adjourned this morning, there still remained one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to be filled.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the next round of balloting by secret ballot. This seventeenth round of balloting, which in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, will also be the seventh unrestricted ballot.

May I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely, Argentina and Peru.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B", for the Latin American and Caribbean States, the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State. If a ballot paper contains the name of a Member State which does not belong to that region, that ballot will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jumat (Brunei Darussalam), Mr. Sepúlveda (Chile), Mrs. Cerere (Kenya), Mr. Flueck (Switzerland) and Ms. Dinevska (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.15 p.m. and resumed at 3.30 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States

Number of ballot papers:	190
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	190
Abstentions:	8
Required two-thirds majority:	122

Number of votes obtained:

Guatemala	104
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	78

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Since the result of this ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

We must therefore proceed to the eighth unrestricted ballot. For this eighteenth round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely, Argentina and Peru.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested ro remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B", for the Latin American and Caribbean States, the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State. If a ballot paper contains the name of a Member State which does not belong to that region, that ballot will be declared invalid.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.40 p.m. and resumed at 4 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	191
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	100
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	85

Since the result of this ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

We must therefore proceed to the ninth unrestricted ballot. For this nineteenth round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely, Argentina and Peru.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B", for the Latin American and Caribbean States, the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State. If a ballot paper contains the name of a Member State which does not belong to that region, that ballot will be declared invalid.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.10 p.m. and resumed at 4.20 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	

Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	79

Since the result of this ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

We shall therefore proceed to the twentieth round of balloting, which is the tenth restricted ballot. This twentieth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States which were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B", for the Latin American and Caribbean States, will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jumat (Brunei Darussalam), Mr. Sepúlveda (Chile), Mrs. Cerere (Kenya), Mr. Flueck (Switzerland) and Ms. Dinevska (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.30 p.m. and resumed at 4.55 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States

Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	9
Required two-thirds majority:	122
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	102
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	81

Since the result of this ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

We shall therefore proceed to the twenty-first round of balloting, which is the eleventh restricted ballot. This twenty-first round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States which were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B", for the Latin American and Caribbean States, will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.05 p.m. and resumed at 5.30 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	12
Required two-thirds majority:	120
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	101
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	79

Since the result of this ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

We shall therefore proceed to the twenty-second round of balloting, which is the twelfth restricted ballot. This twenty-second round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States which were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B", for the Latin American and Caribbean States, will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.40 p.m. and resumed at 5.50 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	191
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	12
Required two-thirds majority:	120
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	102
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77

This restricted ballot has again been inconclusive. In accordance with the rules of procedure, we should next continue with the series of unrestricted ballots. In that connection, I would like to inform members that the next series of balloting will take place on Thursday morning, 19 October 2006, at 10 a.m.

Before adjourning this meeting, I should like to inform members that the third meeting of the General Committee will take place tomorrow afternoon, 18 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to consider requests for the inclusion of two additional items, circulated in documents A/61/253 and A/61/254.

The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.